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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I'm a resident of Alameda County in California, and I rely on independent providers of home broadband to offer me the choices that I need. The ability to do business with companies that suit my needs and my morals is the very backbone of the free market, and making it harder for them to compete destroys it.

In an environment where telecom giants routinely screw their customers because they can, the existence of providers who don't is vitally important. I am opposed to the FCC changing the rules so as to make it easier for Verizon and Comcast to consolidate their monopolies.

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